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PATENT
Docket No.: 015662-000900US

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Micheline Markey, John W. Shell,
Bret Berner

Application No.: 09/432,881

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For: PHARMACOLOGICAL
INDUCEMENT OF THE FED MODE
FOR ENHANCED DRUG
ADMINISTRATION TO THE
STOMACH

Confirmation No.: 1727

Examiner: Shirley Gembeh

Art Unit: 1614

RESPONSE - REQUEST FOR
RECONSIDERATION

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 3, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and re-examination of this Application on the basis of the remarks contained herein.

No amendments are made to claims at this time.

Claims are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as indefinite in that the specification fails to define the term "matrix". Elsewhere in the Office Action claims are rejected over prior art in that the specification does not indicate whether the claimed drug is in the solid matrix or is composed of the solid matrix.